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SUBJECT: BOGDAN/LAZARUS MEETING DECEMBER 17, 1973

1. AMBASSADOR BOGDAN CALLED ON LAZARUS TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF CEAUSESCU VISIT.

2. BOGDAN SAID THAT MANEA MANESCU WOULD CHAIR ROMANIAN SIDE OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION WITH STANCIU AS VICE CHAIRMAN. OTHER MEMBERS WOULD BE SELECTED SOON. LAZARUS STATED THAT HE EXPECTED MEMBERS OF U.S. SIDE ALSO TO BE NAMED SHORTLY.

3. BOGDAN INDICATED MANESCU WISHED TO HAVE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SUGGESTED FIRST QUARTER CY 1974. LAZARUS RESPONDED THAT SPRING WOULD BE BETTER IN VIEW UNCERTAIN STATUS OF TRADE BILL.

4. ON AGENDA FOR FIRST SESSION, LAZARUS NOTED
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CUSTOMARY FIRST ITEM FOR OPENING SESSION WOULD BE

PROCEDURAL MATTERS. SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS COULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON AREAS FOR JOINT VENTURES, REGULATIONS AND PROBLEMS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT VENTURES, BUSINESS FACILITATION, AND EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC DATA, INCLUDING FINANCIAL INFORMATION. BOGDAN SAID CREDITS AND QUOTAS SHOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED. IT WAS AGREED TO EXCHANGE SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA IN JANUARY. RUSH

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